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Patrol duty by Thalayari and Vettiyan at night.

* 1043 *Q.*—SRI I. K. SUBRAMANIA PILLAY (on behalf of Sri S. T. Adityan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether village servants known as Thalayaris and Vettiyans have the duty to patrol the village at night;

(*b*) whether the patrol duty is enforced in the Tirunelveli district;

(*c*) whether the patrol duty is actually being performed in that district; and

(*d*) whether the patrol duty was discontinued for some time in that district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) to (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) No."

Construction of a bridge at Nileshwar in South Kanara.

* 1044 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state at what stage the construction of the bridge at Nileshwar in South Kanara district stands now?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" The well sinking for foundation is in good progress. The bridge is expected to be completed before the end of 1954–1955."

Audit of expenditure from the budget provision for contract allowance under Demand IX.

* 1045 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the expenditure from contract allowance of Rs. 1,50,000 under Demand IX—Head of State and Ministers, is subject to audit; and

(*b*) the purposes for which money can be spent out of this allotment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) No. Sir.

" (*b*) (1) Pay and allowances of Raj Bhavan household establishment (i.e., butlers, bearers, peons, lascars, cooks, sweeping women, conservancy sweepers, dhobies, car drivers, cleaners, etc.)

(2) Liveries to the above establishment.

(3) Laundry contingencies.

(4) Library—purchase of books, magazines and periodicals.

(5) Special stationery for use of guests.